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SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: SUGGESTED DRAFT COMMUNIQUE

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1. FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED DRAFT COMMUNIQUE FOR PRESIDENTIAL VISIT. GIVEN ROMANIAN FONDNESS FOR EXPANSIVE COMMUNIQUE WE HAVE PURPOSELY KEPT LENGTH TO ACCEPTABLE MINIMUM. THERE WILL BE AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO FLESH IT OUT ONCE WE SIT DOWN WITH ROMANIANS.

2. QTE. OFFICIAL VISIT OF GERALD R. FORD, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, TO THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA.

3. AT THE INVITATION OF NICOLAE CEAUSESCU, PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA, AND MRS. ELENA CEAUSESCU, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES GERALD R. FORD, WITH MRS. FORD, PAID AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO ROMANIA ON AUGUST , 1975.

4. THE TWO CHIEFS OF STATE CONDUCTED THEIR TALKS IN A CORDIAL, FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE, REFLECTING THE FAVORABLE COURSE OF AMERICAN-ROMANIAN RELATIONS IN RECENT YEARS AND THE MUTUAL ESTEEM AND RESPECT EXISTING BETWEEN BOTH COUNTRIES. THEY REAFFIRMED THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE PRIN-
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CIPLES SET FORTH IN THE JOINT ROMANIAN-AMERICAN STATEMENT

OF DECEMBER 1973, AND STRESSED THEIR BELIEF IN THE NEED TO PROCEED TO A FURTHER EXPANSION OF ROMANIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS IN ALL AREAS.

5. THE TWO PRESIDENTS, IN REVIEWING TRADE AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WELCOMED THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE TRADE AGREEMENT. AT THE SAME TIME THEY AGREED THAT BOTH SIDES SHOULD SEEK TO FACILITATE GREATER TRADE AND AS ONE IMPORTANT STEP DECIDED THAT THE TWO SIDES WOULD NOW PROCEED TO NEGOTIATE A LONG-TERM ECONOMIC-COOPERATION ACCORD. IT WAS ALSO AGREED TO CONCLUDE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE A JOINT AGRICULTURAL AGREEMENT.

6. NOTING THE CONCLUSION OF A NEW FIVE-YEAR CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC AGREEMENT IN DECEMBER 1974, THE TWO PRESIDENTS AGREED THAT RELATIONS IN THESE AREAS SHOULD BE EXPANDED FURTHER AND THAT ALL CURRENT PROGRAMS WILL HAVE THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS.

7. BOTH PRESIDENTS NOTED THAT, IN THE SPIRIT OF THE 1973 DECLARATION, A NUMBER OF HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS HAD BEEN SOLVED AND AGREED TO WORK FOR CONTINUING PROGRESS IN THIS FIELD.

8. PRESIDENT FORD EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN OVER THE RECENT DISASTROUS FLOODS WHICH HAD AFFECTED ROMANIA. PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU EXPLAINED THE EFFORTS BEING UNDERTAKEN TO PROMOTE ROMANIA'S RECOVERY FROM THE FLOODS AND AT THE SAME TIME THANKED PRESIDENT FORD FOR THE ASSISTANCE OFFERED BY THE UNITED STATES.

9. THE TWO PRESIDENTS WELCOMED THE EXCHANGE OF VISITS AT A HIGH LEVEL WHICH HAD TAKEN PLACE IN MANY FIELDS IN THE PAST FEW YEARS. THEY AGREED THAT GIVEN THE STATE OF AMERICAN-ROMANIAN RELATIONS, PERIODIC FRANK EXCHANGES AT ALL LEVELS CAN CONTRIBUTE SUBSTANTIALLY TO THE BILATERAL DIALOGUE AND SHOULD BE INTENSIFIED.

10. OPEN AND FRIENDLY DISCUSSIONS OF MANY INTERNATIONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROBLEMS WERE MARKED BY CONSIDERABLE AREAS OF AGREEMENT OR COINCIDENCE OF VIEWS.

11. THE TWO PRESIDENTS WELCOMED THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE CONFERENCE WILL HAVE THE EFFECT OF CONSOLIDATING THE DETERMINATION OF PARTICIPANT NATIONS THAT UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION PREVAIL OVER

CONFRONTATION IN EUROPE.

12. BOTH PRESIDENTS EMPHASIZED THEIR SUPPORT FOR AN INTERNATIONAL ORDER IN WHICH EACH COUNTRY MAY CHOOSE AND DEVELOP FREELY ITS OWN NATIONAL EXISTENCE, FREE FROM THE THREAT OF FORCE AND ON THE BASIS OF RESPECT FOR THE INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY AND EQUALITY UNDER LAW OF ALL STATES, WHATEVER THEIR SIZE OR SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT.

13. SPECIAL ATTENTION WAS PAID TO THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION. THE TWO PRESIDENTS AGREED ON THE NEED FOR A CONTINUATION OF EFFORTS BY ALL PARTIES TO OBTAIN A LASTING AND JUST PEACE FOR ALL NATIONS IN THE REGION.

14. THE TWO PRESIDENTS DISCUSSED AT LENGTH THE NEED FOR NEW APPROACHES IN CONSTRUCTING A MORE VIABLE WORLD ECONOMY. THEY AGREED THAT THE NEED FOR PRACTICAL COOPERATION ON A GLOBAL SCALE HAS NEVER BEEN GREATER, AND THAT INCREASING INTERDEPENDENCE REQUIRES CONSTRUCTIVE, COORDINATE ACTION, CONDUCTED NOT THROUGH RHETORIC BUT REALITIES.

15. USEFUL EXCHANGES OF VIEWS ALSO TOOK PLACE ON STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND ON PROMOTING DISARMAMENT.

16. PRESIDENT FORD EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION TO PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU FOR THE EXTREMELY CORDIAL RECEPTION AND HOSPITALITY ACCORDED HIM AND MRS. FORD IN ROMANIA, NOTING THE VISIT AS ANOTHER CONTRIBUTION TO THE FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLES AND TO THE VALUABLE TRADITION OF CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE THAT HAS EVOLVED BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES.

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17. PRESIDENT FORD INVITED PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES FOR AN OFFICIAL VISIT. PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU ACCEPTED THE INVITATION, THE TIMING TO BE MUTUALLY AGREED THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. END QUOTE. BARNES

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